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Chocolate Lovers Festival, February 7-8

Indulge in America's favorite confection at the City of Fairfax Chocolate Lovers Festival February 7 - 8, in Old Town Fairfax. Scheduled events include:

- * ***Taste of Chocolate*** – purchase the chocolate creations of confectioners;
- * ***Chocolate Challenge & Silent Auction*** – original chocolate sculptures by professional and amateur chocolatiers alike judged by professional and celebrity judges; the **Silent Auction** will feature entries from the **Chocolate Challenge** as well as items from the local business community;
- * ***Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale & Face Painting****** – Regular and chocolate chip pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice, and milk. Cost is \$6/adults and \$4/children ages 4-10. Children under the age of 3 will eat with a paying adult (limit one child per one paying adult).
- * ***Children's Activities*** – featuring chocolate fairy tales, magicians, puppet shows, & music;
- * ***The Great Chocolate Caper and "Smarter Than a Lawyer"*** ***– a mock trial based on a popular children's story with a chocolate-related theme; then test your skills against lawyers;
- * ***Chocolate Movie Night******– see what your golden ticket will bring you with the original Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory; come and enjoy stories and activities before the movie
- * ***Harley Eye Candy*** – an opportunity to sit on a Harley; bring your camera and have your picture taken while sitting on the back of your favorite Harley;
- * ***Fairfax's Historic Archives*** – view some of Fairfax's most interesting historical legal documents such as the 1739 Land Grant; a page from the polling done around the county as citizens voted to Secede from the Union; the "Civil War" Rule book filled with graffiti from the soldiers stationed here; images of pages from George Washington's Will as well as access to the room where the original deed book is located; and
- * ***Historic Open Houses*** – visit Legato School, the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center***, The Ford House and Ratcliffe Allison House.

A complete schedule of events will be published on www.chocolatefestival.net. The schedule is subject to change, and changes will be posted on the event website as they occur.

*** drop location for items for Meals for Young Minds (oatmeal packets; single-serving size boxes of cereal, chili cups, mac & cheese, tuna salad kits, pasta/meat cups; fruit cups, applesauce, cheese/crackers; 100% fruit juice boxes, Capri Sun juice packets; and shelf-stable milk)

(Chocolate Lovers Festival Set For February 1-2, continued)

Challenge Applications Accepted — George Mason University's Department of Nutrition and Food Studies are sponsors of the ever-popular Chocolate Challenge at their facility in Old Town Fairfax. The event will be held at the school's Nutrition Kitchen (3950 University Drive)

Valentines, Advance "Taste" Tickets – Valentines, featuring a drawing of the "Old" Fire Station 3, drawn by Jackie Liedl of Local Color, are available in advance of the event.

Limited edition valentines, that include a coupon for five free "pogs" for the Taste of Chocolate, cost \$5 each, and are available through January 30 (while supplies last) at:

City Manager's Office; City Hall, 10455 Armstrong Street – Room 316 (703-293-7120)

If supplies last, valentines (with the free taste pog coupons) will be sold for \$5 during the festival at the Taste of Chocolate in Old Town Hall.

Information — For more information on the Chocolate Lovers Festival, please visit www.chocolatefestival.net or call **703-385-7858**. A program schedule is posted on the website, as well as a downloadable festival program with a map of event locations will be posted on the Festival's website.

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